

Public Chapter 225

SENATE BILL NO. 1766

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1655

By Rhinehart, Curtiss

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 115, relative to boxing, sparring and wrestling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Except as provided below, an amateur may not take part in a boxing contest unless such amateur is registered with the United States Amateur Boxing Federation or some other amateur organization recognized by the commissioner. The promoting, conducting, or maintaining of boxing matches, contests, or exhibitions when conducted by educational institutions, law enforcement organizations, Tennessee National Guard units, or amateur athletic organizations duly recognized by the commissioner are exempt from the licensing and bonding provisions of this chapter if none of the participants in such contests or exhibitions receives a money remuneration, purse, or prize for performance or service therein.

This section shall not apply to amateur boxers or sponsors of amateur boxing matches where the sponsor is a not-for-profit corporation or an extracurricular organization recognized by a college or university, such as a fraternity, sorority or student union, and the primary beneficiary of the proceeds of the boxing match is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-102, is amended by deleting the words "the club" and by substituting instead, the words "any organization" and by deleting the word "exhibition" wherever it appears, and by substituting instead, the words "boxing contest".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-103, is amended by deleting the word "club" and by substituting instead, the word "organization" and by deleting the word "exhibition" and by substituting instead the words "boxing contest".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.